

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004. Claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 12-35 were previously withdrawn from consideration. The Office Action imposed a restriction that requires the Applicant to elect one of the new claims (36-38). The Office Action alleges that each new claim is directed to a patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

The Applicant elects claim 36, which is drawn to rules editing, without traverse.

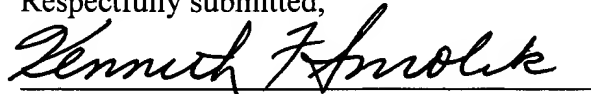
As stated in the Office Action, claim 1 is identified as the generic claim. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.1.41, the Applicant will be entitled to consideration to additional species which are written in dependent form of an allowed generic claim.

CONCLUSIONS

The Applicant has addressed the restriction set forth in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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